

Claims

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1. A method for accessing a service platform (SP) via an Internet browser session, said method comprising steps of:
- (a) installing a servlet (SL) at a web-server (SERV) of a content provider having access to said service platform (SP);
 - (b) when a user tries to use (12) a service of said service platform by contacting said web server (SERV) of said content provider within a certain browser session, detecting by said servlet (SL) whether or not said certain browser session is already associated to a related service session;
 - (c) if said certain browser session is already associated to said related service session, performing predetermined actions related to said service session, such as charging;
 - (d) if said certain browser session is not associated to said related service session, returning (13) a web-page containing an applet (AL) to guide an associated browser (BR) of the user through a logon process (15 – 26) for said related service session; and
 - (e) said user accessing said service session via said certain browser session.
2. A method as in claim 1 wherein said user accessing said service session via said certain browser session by using said applet (AL) received within said browser session for accessing said service session.

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executed on a web browser (BR) of a user:

guiding the web browser (BR) of the user through a logon process (15 – 26) for a service session of a service platform (SP);

informing a servlet launched on a web server (SERV) of a content provider via the service session about the association of said browser session to said service session; and

initiating a contacting (27) of said web server (SERV) of the content provider by said web browser (BR) within said browser session.

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session of a service platform (SP);
 if said certain browser session is already associated to said related service session, performing predetermined actions related to said service session;
 and
 if said certain browser session is not associated to said related service session, returning (13) a web-page containing an applet (AL) which is adapted for guiding an associated browser (BR) of the user through a logon process (15 – 26) for said related service session at the service platform (SP).

12.A servlet (SL) as in claim 11 wherein said servlet (SL) keeping a list of www browser sessions associated to service sessions of said service platform (SP) and related interfaces of user-application service components (ssUAPp) of said service platform (SP).

13.A servlet (SL) as in claim 11 wherein said servlet (SL), when launched on said web server (SERV), goes through a login procedure and starts a service session at a retailer (RETAILER) of said service platform (SP).

14.A servlet (SL) as in claim 13 wherein said servlet (SL), when launched on said web server (SERV), launches a respective user-application service component (ssUAPp) within the service platform (SP).

15.A service unit (SU) of a content provider having access to a service platform (SP), said service unit comprising a content repository (CDB) for providing content, a web-server (SERV) for enabling the service unit to be a party of a Internet browser session and a servlet (SL) as in claim 11 being installed at said web-server (SERV).

16.A service unit as in claim 15 wherein each time a link is requested on the web server (SERV), the servlet (SL) is invoked.

17.An applet for accessing a service platform (SP) via an Internet browser session, said applet (AL) is adapted for performing following steps when